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McKinleyville Community Forest future mapped out

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MCKINLEYVILLE — The 599-acre McKinleyville Community Forest (MCF) is a blank canvas on the east side of town on which the burgeoning community can paint its vision of a working forest offering vast open space plus ecological and recreational potential.

That vision for the forest, acquired by the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) in 2024, is outlined in a draft California Cooperative Forest Management Plan that lays out a detailed strategy for the next decade, addressing critical issues ranging from eroding logging roads to high-severity fire risks.

McKinleyville Community Forest Committee voted at its Nov. 18 meeting to recommend that the MCSD Board of Directors approve the 159-page plan.

The board will take up the matter at its meeting Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The Zoom ID is 859 4543 6653.

The plan pursues a dual mandate similar to the successful model implemented in the Arcata Community Forest (ACF): preservation as a public open space while utilizing sustainable timber harvesting to fund its own maintenance.

And as with the ACF, there is a long list of things to do in transitioning the area from industrial use to a park with municipal and public oversight.

One issue is fire danger. Decades of timber company management and fire suppression have left the property with dense stands of young trees and "ladder fuels" that pose wildfire risk to the adjacent residential neighborhoods. This will require mitigation via thinning, pruning and cleared

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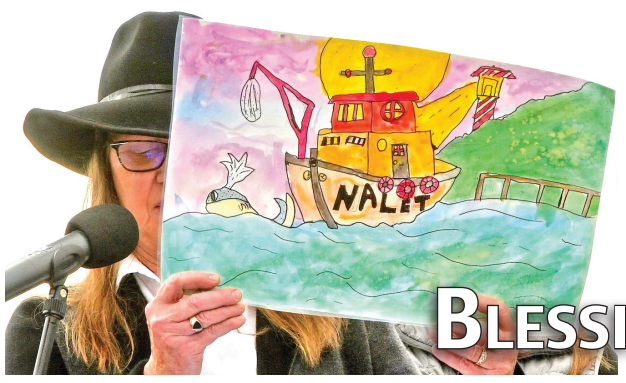

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

FLEETING REMARKS The annual Blessing of the Fleet took place at Trinidad Harbor on Thanksgiving. The tradition wishes good luck and safety during the upcoming commercial crabbing season. Top left, Captain John Roley of the Betty Ann, with Fern and Coral. Yurok Elder Axel Lindgren's son Lucas Garcia gave the traditional Tsurai Blessing, top right. A painting by a Trinidad Elementary student was selected for the 2026 Blessing's poster. Right. Susan Rotwein with Sector Commander Capt. Michael Baird, U. S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Arcata forests managed for mixed usage

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ARCATA — With its monthly meetings taking place at 7 a.m., Arcata's Forest Management Committee (FMC) does much of its work while the rest of Arcata is still groggy. But work it does, and FMC Chair Michael Furniss summarized the group's work in 2024 at the City Council's Nov. 19 meeting.

With a written report and remarks before the council, Furniss detailed a year marked by over half a million dollars in timber sales, significant trail upgrades and ongoing wildlife research in the 2,449 acres of the Arcata Community Forest, Sunny Brae Tract and Jacoby Creek Forest.

The 2024 harvest focused on the Jacoby Creek Forest with operations covering about 85 acres, yielding a total harvest volume of nearly 798,000 board feet (MBF) and grossing $577,378.69.

Per policy, harvests are planned at less than half of the forest's annual growth rate, allowing the trees to gain volume and structural complexity over time.

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Cell tower skeptics doing info outreach

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SUNNY BRAE – Alarmed over the planned construction of a 184-foot tall monopole cell tower in a forested area of Sunny Brae, the Friends of Grotzman Creek Watershed are ramping up their pushback, including a public education effort.

On Monday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. the group will hold an informational meeting in the Arcata Community Center Senior Room regarding the proposed cell tower. The project needs a Conditional Use Permit in order to be sited just outside Arcata city limits east of

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING In a season of unprecedented food insecurity for many, Arcata House Partnership (AHP) and community volunteers treated the community to a full Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday at the D Street Neighborhood Center. Above, everyone had a seat at the table. Top right, servers at the ready. Right, the busy serving line. Visit arcatahouse.org o find out how to support AHP's housing and services. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

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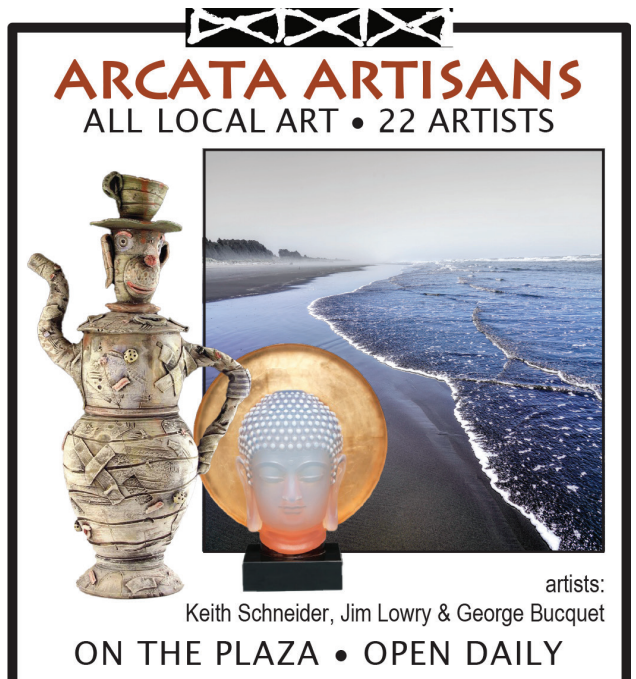

Are you not entertained? This holiday season, there's no real reason not to be

WIND ENSEMBLE The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre Presents the Cal Poly Humboldt Wind Ensemble. The performance is inspired by hope and the importance of living life to the fullest. Join us Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall. Tickets are $15 general, $5 children and free for Humboldt students with ID. Tickets at the door or online at *tickets.humboldt.edu/dance-music-and-theatre*. Director Chris Cox breaks down the program for the evening "Alfred Reed's A Festival Prelude will establish a "bright and brilliant mood." Sea Songs tells us stories of life and experiences on the sea. Speak to Me gives us a musical example of how people talk to each other. An American Elegy gives tribute to the fragility of life and the importance of hope. Chorale and Allulia is intended to share joy, triumph and thanksgiving. Nimrod is a beautiful melody inspired by friendship. Tico Tico will send everyone singing and dancing into the night."

GUITAR ENSEMBLE The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre present *Gothica: Spooks and Spectres* performed by the Cal Poly Humboldt Guitar Ensemble, directed by Dr. Jennifer Trowbridge. Join us Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Tickets are $15 general, $5 children and free for Cal Poly Humboldt Students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at *tickets.humboldt.edu/*

THE ALLEY CATS perform Thursday, Dec. 4 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola heads up this reformation of local jazz favorites the Alley Cats with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey playing sensational tunes and favorites. Doors at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

THE EUREKA SYMPHONY continues its 2025-26 season at the Arkley Center, 412 G St., Eureka on Friday, Dec. 5 and Saturday, Dec. 6. The Eureka Symphony's holiday concert's enchanting evening features Tchaikovsky's timeless "Nutcracker Suite," the rich and spirited "Rhythm of the Lights, A Chanukah Fantasia" by Michael Isaacson, and Howard Blake's heartwarming "The Snowman," brought to life by local theater legend Michael Fields. Perfect for families and music lovers of all ages, this magical concert blends classical elegance with festive storytelling, celebrating the beauty, joy and traditions of the season in one entrancing performance. Doors at 7:30 p.m, show at 8 p.m. All ages. Ticket prices vary. (707) 845-3655, *eurekasymphony.org*

BICICLETAS POR LE PAZ perform Friday, Dec. 5 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Oakland's leading psychedelic Cumbia band brings folkloric cumbia with a modern psychedelic twist. This seven-piece band creates high-energy sound, thick harmonies and hip-hop drive with a strong message of people power in Spanish and English to infuse the audience with joy and community. With Humboldt's acclaimed Makenu, a vibrant, psychedelic cumbia band that blends traditional rhythms of cumbia with modern influences, uniting musicians from Chile, Argentina, Perú, Puerto Rico and California. Doors at 8 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $18 in advance and $20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

FALL 2025 JAZZ COMBOS perform Friday, Dec. 5 at Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music, and Theatre Presents the Fall 2025 Jazz Combos, with three combos performing. "Modal Citizens" features Gabriel Avila on trumpet, Jazmine Busteed on guitar, Alex Hofer on bass and Nick Howell on drums. "Syncopation Station" joins together Giovanny Martinez on piano, Alex Hofer on bass and Conlan Houseon, drums. The final combo, "Tight Space" consists of True Laboissonniere on alto and soprano saxes, Silas Bohen on piano, Tyler Endsley on bass and Gavin Kingsley on drums. All three combos feature vocalist Ava Williams on two of their pieces. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $15 general, $5 under 12 and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students. (707) 826-3566, *tickets.humboldt.edu/calpoly-humboldt-presents*

THE BROTHERS COMATOSE perform Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Fusing old-school string band instrumentation with rock 'n' roll exuberance, the Brothers Comatose cemented their status as standard bearers of a thriving, innovative West Coast roots movement with their intoxicating new album, "Golden Grass." Recorded with co-producers Greg Holden and Tim Bluhm, the collection is as diverse and enthralling as the California landscape itself, at times carefree and breezy, at times wild and rugged, with lush, organic arrangements full of vocal harmonies and driving guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin and upright bass. Doors at 8:30 p.m., show at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets $25 advance, $30 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, *humbrews.com*

STICK MEN perform Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Wild Hare Tavern at 915 H St. in Arcata. Stick Men featuring Tony Levin on Chapman Stick, Pat Mastelottoon on drums and Markus Reuter on touch guitar. As veterans of King Crimson and other notable bands, they bring exceptional musicianship and a spirit of improvisation and experimentation to their music. Also with opening band We Are Ants To Them. Doors open at 7 p.m, show starts at 8:30 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door. (707) 499-2469.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA takes place Saturday, Dec. 6 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Don your gay apparel, be entertained by drag performances hosted by Mr. Gino and friends, and sit on Santa's lap and let him know if you have been naughty or nice. Merry and gay dance the night away with DJs Blancatron and Anya Slayer. Doors at 8 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. 21 and over. $10 at the door. (707) 645-2309, *basementarcata.com*

MDOU MOCTAR performs Sunday, Dec. 7 at Richard's Goat, 401 I St., Arcata. Mahamadou Souleymane, known professionally as Mdou Moctar, is a Nigerien guitarist, singer and songwriter who performs modern rock music inspired by Tuareg guitar music. Standing out as one of the most innovative artists in contemporary Saharan music, Mdou Moctar's unconventional interpretations of Tuareg guitar have pushed him to the forefront of a crowded scene. Back home, he's celebrated for his original compositions and verbose poetry, and Mdou shreds with relentless and frenetic energy. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. (707) 630-5000, *richardsgoat.com*

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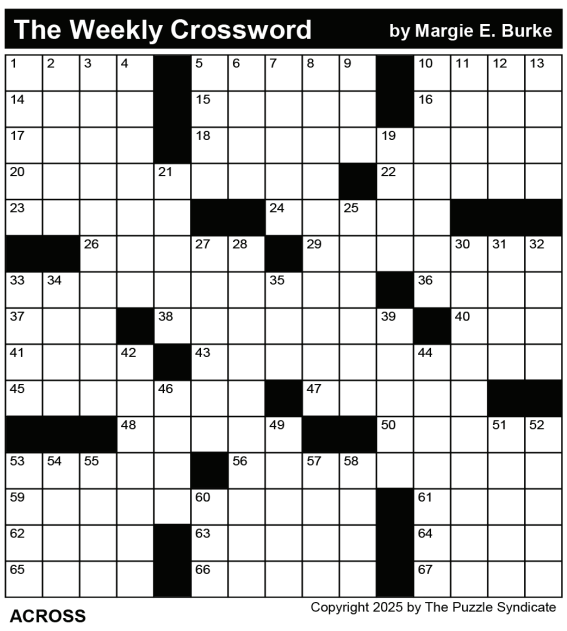

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Humboldt Made holds Eagle House celebration

Humboldt Made

HUMBOLDT – As the year draws to a close, Humboldt Made is thrilled to host Made in Humboldt: A Night to Shine — an end-of-year celebration honoring the creativity, resilience and impact of the local small businesses that keep our community thriving.

The event takes place Saturday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Historic Eagle House Ballroom, 139 Second St., Eureka.

This festive evening brings the community together through makers, artisans, food producers, growers and community champions for a night of sparkle, music and recognition.

Guests will enjoy locally crafted food and drink, a spotlight program celebrating standout member accomplishments and a joyful evening of dancing to the Undercovers.

Tickets are $35 for Humboldt Made members/$45 non-members, available at *humboldtmade.com/event-calendar#!event/register/2025/12/3/-10024-made-in-humboldt-a-night-to-shine-1002*.

This year's A Night to Shine will feature one of the region's most beloved high-energy bands: The Undercovers. Known for their dynamic stage presence, infectious harmonies, and wide-ranging setlist of pop, soul, rock and dance hits, The Undercovers keep the dance floor moving.

Celebrating Humboldt's Makers and Small Business Accomplishments

This year's business highlights reflect just how innovative, hard-working and interconnected our Humboldt Made members truly are:

• It's Alive Kombucha expanded their bottled line with two new flavors, launched their first hard kombucha in both kegs and bottles and collaborated with over 20 local farms and businesses this season.

• Six Rivers Brewery completed construction on their new brewhouse, officially returning to brewing while celebrating 21 years in business.

Chef Jeremy won Best Use of Local Ingredients during Burger Week with a creation featuring Rumiano cheese and apples and blackberries from Old Dog Farms.

• Amanda Paints & Pots hit a remarkable global milestone — selling her pottery in all 50 states and 28 countries, spreading Humboldt artistry around the world.

• Patches Pastries continued their amazing growth by opening a second location in Fortuna, sharing, "We never would have dreamed of having the opportunity to serve the community we live in, and we're beyond grateful for all the love and support that has helped us grow."

Adding to the magic of the evening, Humboldt artist Toad will have her artwork on display throughout the event.

Originally from Philadelphia, Toad moved to California in 2011 and found her artistic voice in the embrace of Humboldt's towering redwoods and rugged coastline.

A True Taste of Humboldt — 100 percent Locally Sourced Menu by Locavore Pop-Up

This year's celebration features an unforgettable culinary experience crafted by Locavore Pop-Up, a Humboldt-based chef committed to sourcing ingredients exclusively from local farmers, ranchers, bakers, and food makers.

Every bite on the menu is a love letter to Humboldt County's food ecosystem — from Eel River Organic Beef teriyaki meatballs glazed with Famous Amens seasoning, to One Wing Provisions' slider buns stacked with roasted local turkey, to Cypress Grove cheese, Brunner Family Farm basil, Beck's Bakery crackers, EarthDrifter chili oil, Matka pierogies sautéed in Ghee Well ghee and Arise Bakery's gluten-free creations.

This 100 percent Humboldt-sourced menu showcases more than a dozen local producers and represents exactly what Humboldt Made stands for: collaboration, craftsmanship and the incredible flavor of our region.

Food and Drink

Light bites by Locavore Pop-Up. Drinks available for purchase from The Eagle House — donating $1 per drink to Humboldt Made.

Program

6 to 7 p.m. — Member achievements

7 to 9 p.m. — Live music by The Undercovers

Attire: Sparkly and festive — sequins, metallics, shimmers, and anything that shines.

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About Humboldt Made

Humboldt Made uplifts the economic vitality of Humboldt County by supporting local businesses through strategic marketing, storytelling, regional collaboration and business resources.

Our mission is to help artisans, food makers, and small businesses grow — here at home and beyond — while celebrating the creativity and character that make Humboldt truly unique.

Shelter lowers fees, holds Holiday Fundraiser this Saturday, while Dean brings love and joy

The shelter is gearing up for the holidays in a few different ways. First up, the adoption fees are reduced this week for all the dogs and cats!

Reduced fees are $80 for puppies and kittens 6 months or younger, $50 for adults 7 months to 7 years, and $35 for dogs and cats 8 years and older. All are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, dewormed and microchipped. This is such a good deal.

Donations are still being accepted for the Holiday Fundraiser that happens on Saturday, Dec. 13. Next week you will be able to buy raffle tickets in the lobby of the shelter if you want to get a head start or if you are not able to attend on Saturday.

The online auction is available now at *betterworld.org/auctions/holiday-auction-2025*. There are some beautiful items up for bid! Ceramics, gift baskets, jewelry, gift certificates and fun things for dogs and cats are among the auction items.

One of our volunteers is a professional photographer and has been taking some of the adoptable dogs to her studio for the most adorable photos, starting with the longest residents. We'll be featuring those on the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page and Instagram. You'll want to check them out!

One of the dogs who has had a photo session with volunteer Sammantha is handsome Dean. Dean has some experience going off-site for outings. We first took him to the start of the Kinetic Sculpture race back in May. He was new to us then and was initially a little overwhelmed. That was when he met my pup Frannie and she gave him the confidence he needed! He ended up having a great time with her and her brothers that day.

Since then, he has had lots of friends and outings. He has walked the length of Arcata, ending at Humboldt Pet Supply where he tried out their bathtub. He did great on the walk and with the bath. One day he went to the Marsh and another to an adoption event in September.

At the shelter, Dean has several special friends that are pulling for him to find his forever home. One of them recently said "I love Dean so much. He is going to bring so much joy to some lucky person. He is lovable, goofy and smart. Enjoys short games of fetch and loves to roll around with all sorts of toys." Another has noted that after a few laps in the play yard, he loves to get close. Recently he has been sitting between her legs waiting for pets.

Dean has played well with other young dogs and has seen lots of playmates come and go, off to their new homes. Now it's his time to go home for the holidays.

Come meet this special boy! He is about two and a half, neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and heartworm-tested.

Dean weighs in at about 80 pounds and is available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. Appointments are available by calling (707) 840-9132.

Tonight's the night for a Coastal Conversation

Friends of the Dunes

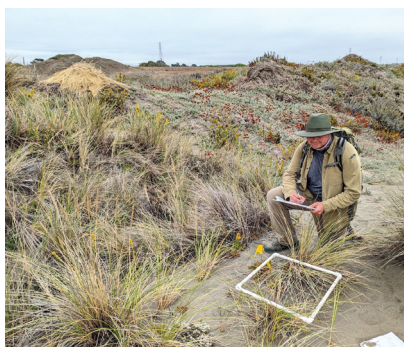
ARCATA – Join the Humboldt Coastal Dunes Cooperative for an evening of short presentations highlighting collaborative conservation efforts of Humboldt's coastal dune environments.

Coastal Conversations: Updates from the Humboldt Coastal Dunes Cooperative takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. in person at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Ln. in Arcata, or register to attend on Zoom.

This series of short presentations from Dunes Cooperative members focused on dune restoration and species recovery, including:

• 20 Years of Dune Restoration at Little River State Beach by Michelle Forys, California State Parks

• Restoring Native Biodiversity at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center by Justin Legge and Ryland Sherman, Friends of the Dunes



WORK IN PROGRESS Restoration monitoring. Photo via Friends of the Dunes

• Revegetation and Dune Species Horticulture for the Wadulh Restoration Project by Josh Koepke, Samara Restoration

• Western Snowy Plover Recovery Unit 2 Update, by Micah Ashford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

This hybrid meeting, which serves as the annual public meeting for the Humboldt Coastal Dunes Cooperative, will take place in person and on Zoom. To attend on Zoom, register here. More meeting details can be found at *friendsofthedunes.org/dunescooperative*.

The Humboldt Coastal Dunes Cooperative is a collaborative group of local land managers and conservation-focused agencies and organizations, including members from the Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Parks, California State Coastal Conservancy, Friends of the Dunes, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wiyot Tribe, The Wildlands Conservancy, Manila Community Services District, City of Eureka, Redwood Community Action Agency, Tolowa Dunes Stewards, and Samara Restoration.

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buffer spaces.

Being that the forest is already a popular destination for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, its infrastructure is struggling to keep up. The report identifies approximately 11.7 miles of roads, most of which are "seasonal truck roads" left over from previous logging operations.

The plan outlines a capital-intensive upgrade schedule, proposing over $600,000 in road improvements. This includes the installation of two major bridges — one spanning 65 feet over Widow White Creek and another 60-footer over Mill Creek — to replace washouts that currently make parts of the property inaccessible to maintenance vehicles.

The district must also manage "social trails" — unauthorized paths cut by users that contribute to erosion. The plan proposes a formalized trail network that separates uses where necessary, such as technical mountain bike trails, while decommissioning rogue routes that harm sensitive habitats.

A significant departure from the property's history is how trees will be harvested. Previous owner Green Diamond Resource Company utilized even-aged management (clearcutting) on a roughly 45-year rotation. The MCSD plan explicitly rejects this in favor of "uneven-aged silviculture."

Henceforth, timber harvests will be lighter and more frequent (every 10 to 25 years), removing only 20 to 40 percent of stand volume. The goal is to cultivate a forest with old-growth characteristics — complex canopies, large snags for wildlife and diverse species — rather than maximizing immediate board-foot output.

While the forest currently holds an estimated 8.1 million board feet of conifer timber, much of it is in younger, smaller trees or low-value species like Sitka spruce. The report tempers expectations for immediate carbon market revenue, noting that the forest is currently "under baseline" for carbon stocks required for profitable carbon credit projects. However, the plan projects that with careful management, the forest could hold nearly 20 million board feet by 2040.

The transition to a public park brings new enforcement challenges. The report highlights ongoing issues with illegal dumping along Murray Road and unauthorized camping. It recommends strict prohibitions on motorized vehicles, hunting and fires, and calls for increased patrol and community stewardship to manage these urban-interface conflicts.

With the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) providing potential grant funding for restoration work, the McKinleyville Community Forest, like the ACF, could serve as a model for how small districts can manage wildlands on the urban edge.

"This management plan is a tool for and belongs to the landowner," the document states, aiming to balance the ecological integrity of the redwood and spruce ecosystem with the recreational hunger of the growing McKinleyville community.

Tower | Transit

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422 Shirley Blvd. – an access point located in a quiet Sunny Brae neighborhood.

Initially a hosting a T-Mobile antenna, the tower would eventually be home to three cellular carriers. Processing of the project's application has been on hold as the applicants provide additional information to the county, including possible alternate locations.

Humboldt County Planning Director John Ford and Third District Supervisor Mike Wilson will provide details about the steps involved in reviewing the application and be available to answer questions.

States a news release from the group, "This is an excellent opportunity for community members to ask questions and share concerns with key decisionmakers."

ACF | Trails, offsets, restoration

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One highlight of 2024 was the Margaret Lane Trailhead improvement project, where a steep staircase was augmented with a gentle, multi-use ramp, improving access for equestrians and other recreational users.

The "Once-ler" trail segment was finished, marking the final piece of the rehabilitated "Jump Trail" in the Arcata Community Forest. Replacement of the Hoot Creek Bridge in the Jacoby Creek Forest took place in August. Timber operations included construction of about 880 feet of new seasonal truck roads and upgrades to four existing culverts.

The committee formally opposed a resolution to end biomass contracts. Following a presentation by the Humboldt Coalition for Clean Energy, the committee voted to oppose disincentivizing forestry infrastructure, stating that the local wood products industry is "vital to the local forest restoration economy."

The city continued annual surveys for Northern Spotted Owls and Barred Owls, sharing data with state and federal agencies to aid recovery efforts. While carbon credit sales were low for the year — generating just $2,352 — staff completed extensive field re-measurements and expect a new verification of carbon offsets in late 2025 or early 2026. Furniss said Arcata's carbon credits are high quality, and for sale.

"The state of the forest is very good," Furniss summarized.

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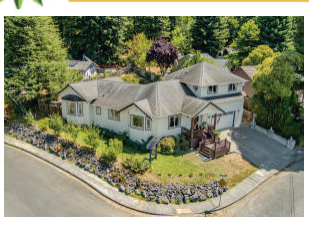
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45th Humboldt Artisans Crafts & Music Festival

HUMBOLDT ARTISANS

REDWOOD ACRES – The 45th annual Humboldt Artisans Crafts & Music Festival will be held Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at Redwood Acres in Eureka.

The festival features over 100 booths of handmade gifts by North Coast artisans and craftspeople.

Three buildings are decorated in a holiday theme with three stages of live music and dance entertainment that will showcase local musicians throughout all hours of the festival daily.

Music performances include the Compost Mountain Boys, Julie Froblom & Friends, Claire Bent Jazz Quartet, and Jeff Smoller.

Local food will be available from Mainely Lobster, Humboldt Bay Burgers, The Cafe Artistes, Easy Squeezy Lemonade, and more!

Beer, wine and spirits will be available from Arcata Rotary Noon.

Show hours

- Friday, Dec. 5, 4 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is $5 or free with a donation of a gift for a child at the front gate to the Humboldt Bay Firefighters for their toy drive.

Admission is also free for kids 5 and under & seniors 65 and over.

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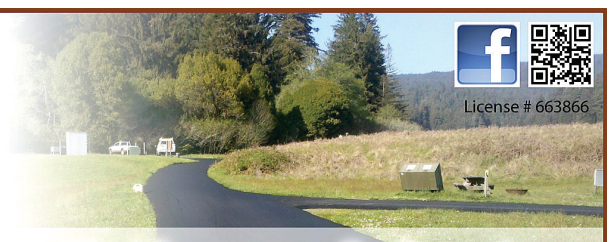
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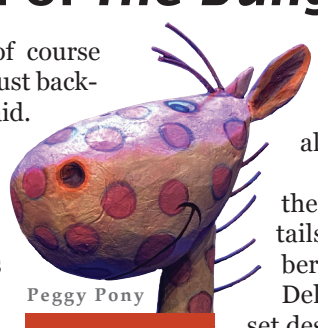

Peggy Pony

❖ ALL THINGS ART

Leo David

"I'm just painting the backdrops, of course they're important, but also they're just backdrops – you know?" Alessandra said. "Well, we're just actors," responded Jaqueline simply.

Having dedicated artists involved in every part of a show makes the experience that much richer. This week, Playhouse Arts Executive Director Jaqueline Dandeneau talked with set designer Alessandra Russo about the upcoming Playhouse Arts holiday show, and her resourceful approach to world building.

This year the Playhouse Arts holiday show is an adventurous romp – *The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom* – fantasy meets farce in an all-original D&D-inspired adventure. Songs, quests and plenty of audience participation are in store, as heroes and villains alike discover that true treasure lies in unity.

Alessandra Russo is working hard behind the scenes to prepare the show's intricate details. A set designer and creative of Gooseberry Gallery in Blue Lake, Russo studied at Dell'Arte and quickly grew to love prop and set design.

"When I went to Dell'Arte, the class that I didn't know was going to be the most exciting for me was mask making ... The visual art component of world making, I don't know, it just feels like where I can really pour a lot of my energy," she said of this shift in focus.

When talking about the difference between stage acting and setting the stage, Dandenau and Russo discuss the unseen work of stage craft.

"There's a beautiful satisfaction to the act of performing and working with an audience in that way. And then just as much love and care and craft goes into the behind the scenes, but there's not that active relationship as much, and I feel like it can be a lot more invisible because of that," Russo said.

In listing some of the materials she works with, her signature medium seems to have snuck up on her. Russo describes a moment where her partner was helping her clean out her studio and asks if she needed all the cardboard.

"I was like, well, of course. And then I started explaining why each of them was important. And in that moment, I was like, oh, man, I think it's cardboard for me. I think cardboard is my medium," she concluded.

Russo also prides herself on her resourcefulness when it comes to finding and collecting materials.

"I love trash, I love scrap, and salvage down by the marsh. I love walking around the junkyard and pulling stuff out from there. I'm a little Magpie, so I'll scavenge as many armatures or things that I can find to build off of," she said.

As Russo describes what she will use to craft large pieces and the ornate details of small props, it's clear this talent is an asset to her work.

There is a lovely texture to the pieces created by Russo's style and choice of materials. She describes her process for making the set of *The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom,* and how she imbues the items with their exciting sense of adventure. "How many portals can I make? How can I make it seem like there are many, many different ways you can go, where all these different things could happen," she said. This sense of possibility shines through in her work.

So, when you come and see the show, remember all the hard work that happens behind the scenes, and allow yourself to be immersed in the world all the artists worked so hard to build.

The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom is playing at the Arcata Playhouse from Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 14, you can find more information about showtimes and reservations at *playhousearts.org*.

DETAILS Set designer Alessandra Russo with a seagull prop made by Victoria Timoteo.

SETTING Russo and a stage backdrop.

Photos by Jaqueline Dandeneau

'A D&D Holiday Show' at the Playhouse

Playhouse Arts

ARCATA – Playhouse Arts is thrilled to present its beloved annual Holiday Pantomime, an all-original production that brings together comedy, music, magic, and audience participation.

This year's show, *The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure* invites audiences into a Dungeons & Dragons-inspired adventure full of quests, creatures and festive mischief at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St.

Roll the giant D20 and watch where the story goes! This original story follows a band of unlikely heroes navigating a kingdom in peril, ruled by an irresponsibly wealthy dragon.

Packed with humor, songs, interactive call-and-response fun and theatrical surprises with special guest appearances for every show, the Arcata Playhouse Pantomime continues its tradition of offering a joyful, all-ages holiday experience.

Original music for the show is composed by Tim Randles and Jeff Kelly. Randles' lively score adds charm and magic to every scene.

The Blue Lake Choir brings it all together with rich harmonies and an extra layer of enchantment. Cast: Abigail Maguire, Victoria Timoteo, Alexandra Hilsee, Vaya Sabadicci, Kelly Garnand, Benjamin Shaeffer, James Peck, Evan Grande.

Creative team directed by James Peck and Evan Grande. Written by Evan Grande. Set and props: Alessandra Russo. Lights: Michael Foster.

Performances run the first two weekends of December at the Arcata Playhouse, with family-friendly matinees offered during the second weekend.

The Playhouse holiday show has been delighting audiences since 2008. Don't miss this annual tradition Dec. 5 to 7 and 11 through 14, with evening shows at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday matinees the final weekend at 2 p.m.

Tickets $10 kids, $15 general, $40 family

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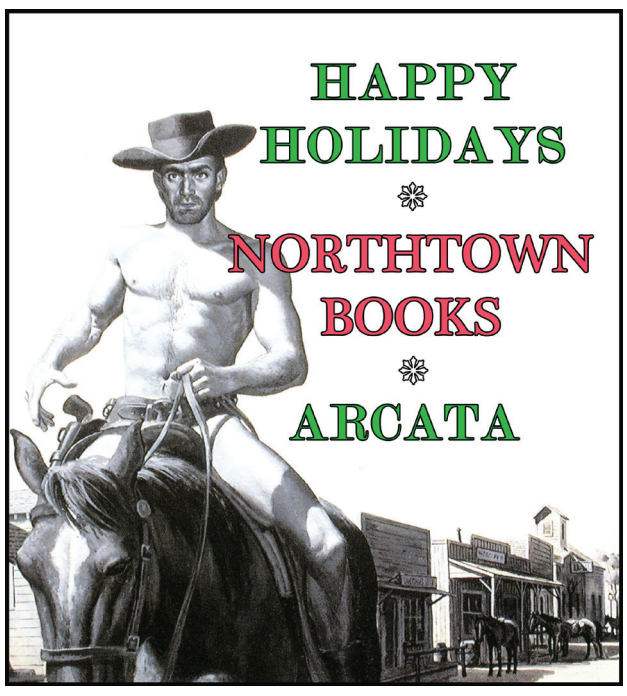
MUSICAL MERRIMENT

Get ready to roll for laughter at this year's Playhouse Holiday Pantomime, where fantasy meets farce in an all-original D&D-inspired adventure! In a land ruled by a greedy dragon hoarding all the gold, an evil wizard and his band of goblins and ogres wreak havoc... until a party of adventurers sets out to save the day and restore balance to the realm. Songs, quests, and plenty of audience participation are in store, as heroes and villains alike discover that true treasure lies in unity.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Trinity Valley Elementary School Charger PTO hosts "Breakfast with Santa" in the TVES Cafeteria, 730 CA-Highway 96, in Willow Creek, Sunday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The morning includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, hot chocolate, crafts and cookies, plus a visit with Santa. Tickets are $12 per person in advance or $15 per person at the door; family tickets for four people are $30 in advance or $45 at the door. Tickets are available online at *bit.ly/47JFMgS* and can also be purchased beginning Dec. 1 in the TVES office. Checks should be made to Charger PTO.

FESTIVE FAIR The Trinity Valley Elementary School Charger PTO presents its holiday "Festive Fair" in the Trinity Valley Elementary School Gym, 730 CA-Highway 96, Willow Creek, Sunday, Dec. 7. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair features local crafters and vendors, with one-dollar raffle tickets available for a chance to win unique items donated by local makers. Admission is free.



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Come and enjoy the music!

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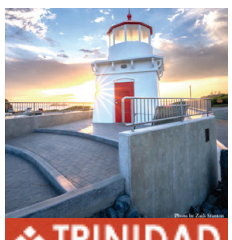
AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Keith Slauson at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 6. Meet Katy Allen at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the many benefits of the Arcata Marsh. Katy plans to first discuss the history and reasons why the "Marsh" exists, then talk a bit about the plants and birds you'll see along the way. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

AUDUBON BAY WALK Join Redwood Region Audubon Society trip leader Cedrik von Briel, on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 8 to 11 a.m. for birding along the North Jetty of Humboldt Bay. This trip will focus on viewing birds in the entrance channel of Humboldt Bay and the open ocean. Aside from going out on a boat, this is perhaps the best local opportunity to view seabirds from shore. We will venture onto the jetty only as far as it is safe to do so based on the current ocean conditions, but we can reasonably hope to reach the jetty tip where an elevated platform provides excellent offshore views. Meet at the Cypress Patch at the end of New Navy Base Road at 8 a.m. Bring binoculars and spotting scopes, if you have them. Contact Cedrik at (650) 315-4968 or *cedro.de.bryl@gmail.com*.

MARSH HISTORY, PLANTS AND BIRDS Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 13. Meet leader Ren Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Ren seeks to introduce people to the history of the area and Arcata's wastewater treatment plant, plus identify plants and birds seen along the way, with the goal of attendees coming back to enjoy it on their own. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

Tea, puppets, Holidays in Trinidad, the Artisan Faire, Santa and his Boat Parade



Christmas Tea at Trinidad Civic Club

TCC members and guests are cordially invited to the annual Christmas Tea on Thursday, Dec. 4 in the Town Hall. The tea always is a festive, cordial gathering with homemade treats, camraderie and holiday tunes compliments of pianist Jackie Hogan and Penne O'Gara.

Dana Hope and Jan West with Sharon Ferrett will preside at a business meeting starting at 10 a.m. with music commencing about 11:15 a.m. Bring a neighbor and a smile and begin December with good cheer among friends.

Puppet Show at Trinidad Library

Sean Powers will present a Shadow Puppet Show at the Trinidad Library on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. It is part of a Humboldt Literacy Project program tour "featuring The Magic Measuring Cup by Sean's Shadows."

Library manager Kim Hinkle writes that "Artist, musician and storyteller Sean Powers presents tales of folklore and fantasy using handcrafted shadow puppets and musical instruments from around the world...

The Magic Measuring Cup is a charming Eastern European-inspired shadow-puppet tale told through light and shadow." It is a free event for children and adults. Attendees will be able to choose their own free book to keep.

Kim also reminds us that the Friends of the Trinidad Library will holds its annual fund raising Indie Craft Fair on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall. $2 admission helps support the library. All are welcome.

Holidays in Trinidad

The Trinidad Civic Club is sponsoring the 12th Annual Holidays in Trinidad, featuring three days of celebration, Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7 in Trinidad Town Hall and Santa's Boat Parade on December 14 at 6 p.m. organized by the Trinidad Rancheria.

The Holiday Artisan Faire on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. features vendors showcasing unique gifts, including art, jewelry and more with musical entertainment.

Photos with Santa Claus will be offered by Cameron Cather Photography from noon to 2 p.m. for children and families.

JessiCakes will serve sweet treats and hot beverages to enjoy on-site or to-go (you may also pre-order at JessiCakes/Facebook.

The Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open for tours, pedestrians only, from 10 a.m. to noon on December 6.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 6th and 7th, the Holiday boutique will be in the Club Room, Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a selection of ornaments and holiday decorations, including original, hand-painted Christmas items by local artist Kit Cropper.

The McKinleyville Community Choir will perform a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The fifth Annual Santa's Boat Parade will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. with marching bands, rain or shine, sponsored by the Trinidad Rancheria.

IMAGE VIA TRINIDAD CIVIC CLUB

Boats line up at 5 p.m. at the Harbor, follow the main roads driving twice through town. Enjoy an animated Christmas tree light display on the tennis court fence and Trinidad School Carolers.

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce invites Trinidadians to decorate their homes in a Holiday Decorating Contest with prize winners to be announced on Monday, Dec. 22. For rules and details, go to bit.ly/47AgyGx.

Questions? Call (707) 677-3655. For a map of the parade route, visit *trinidadcivicclub.org*. Contact Harbor Master Casey box at (707) 382-0569 to participate in the Boat Parade.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

The earnest issues and quaint snark of yesteryear, plus real-life choreographed death metal

From the Archives: News from the *Lumberjack*, November 1980

Forty-five years ago, students at Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt) were reading the following news from the campus student-run newspaper, the Lumberjack:

Students Bemoan Reagan's Win – Genetics to Blame?

Letters to the Lumberjack editor largely lamented Ronald Reagan's victory over Jimmy Carter in the U.S. presidential election.

A student named Dan Murphy (Senior, Engineering) wrote, "Well, the extra chromosome of the average American voter has once again manifested itself with the election to the presidency."

Jacks Football Team Dead Last – Coach Disappointed

The *Lumberjack* reported that "The Jacks ended the season with a last place finish in the Far Western Conference" calling it the team's "worst season in 15 years." Coach Bud Van Deren commented that "I was disappointed in the season we had."

HSU Ranked #2 Most Energy Efficient Campus

Lionel Ortiz, assistant director of Operations, announced that HSU had been ranked as "number 2 in efficiency of kilowatt hours per square foot in the California State Colleges and University System."

He attributed the savings to replacing 26,000 40-watt fluorescent bulbs with 35-watt fluorescent bulbs; recirculating heated air in buildings; and removing unnecessary lamps.

The annual electricity bill was $1 million, which was a 20 percent reduction from prior years.

Four-Hour Shakespeare Play – "Could be Shortened"

The paper ran an enthusiastic review of the student production King Richard III, declaring that "Richard III is probably the best attempt at William Shakespeare's work witnessed at campus in a long time."

Still, the reviewer complained that "the lengthy play [4 hours] could have been shortened by the elimination of some fighting scenes, apparently meant to show us the actors had been practicing their combat techniques."

Fun Fact: The compiler of these archived articles was an HSU student cast in this play as "Sir Walter Herbert," and still bears a small scar from a glancing blow from a heavy battle axe, as well as the occasional shoulder pain from its dislocation during one of the many combat sequences.

Several other students suffered similar mishaps, including one who incurred a leg fracture after being hit by a metal battle pike.

Despite the injuries, (to the best of memory), students felt that using heavy metal medieval weapons in numerous choreographed combat scenes was an *awesome* experience!

Compiled from the Lumberjack *newspapers found in the CPH Library's Special Collections and Archives by Ray Olson, Arcata – HSU Alumnus.*

Have love instead of fear – World AIDS Day is here

Eureka Sisters

ARCATA – This year, Cal Poly Humboldt's Critical Race, and Gender Studies program of Cal Poly Humboldt to bring a new square of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to the Cal Poly Humboldt Library, where it will be on display with some educational materials in the second floor Author's Hall with more materials in the first floor display case from Monday, Dec. 1 to Friday, Dec. 13.

This iconic symbol of remembrance and activism will be displayed in multiple locations, fostering reflection and dialogue about the ongoing impact of HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day is an international holiday observed on Dec. 1, created to increase awareness of AIDS, honor those who have been lost to the virus and rally to dismantle the stigma that stops many around the world from pursuing testing and treatment.

In honor of World AIDS Day, on Saturday, Dec, 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Sisters will manifest at the Arcata Farmers Market to distribute educational materials and gather the community together through a community art project.

Come visit the Sisters' booth to share messages of hope and love on slips of specialty wish paper.

Then at noon, we will perform our World AIDS Day Ritual, commemorating the lives lost to HIV and AIDS where we release these messages into the sky to bring peace to patients both past and present.

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIBAL TRAIL ALLIANCE
1561 CITY CENTER RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
P.O. BOX 2174
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIBAL TRAIL ALLIANCE CA 6557328
2503 MCKINLEYVILLE AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION,
SHAUN R. FYFE,
FOUNDER/CHAIR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 13, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00592

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
WALMART #5629, WALMART PHARMACY #10-5629
3300 BROADWAY
BAYSHORE MALL
EUREKA, CA 95501
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
WALMART INC.
DELAWARE 1634374
1 CUSTOMER DR.
BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
This business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION,
GEOFFREY EDWARDS,
SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 4, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00590

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JACOBSON ENGINEERING
1665 GWIN ROAD
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
FRJ TECHNICAL INVESTMENTS
CA 18799334
1665 GWIN ROAD
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION,
SUSAN JACOBSON,
CFO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 3, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00540

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB
415 5TH ST.
EUREKA, CA 95501
14348 W END RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
SAVAGE HENRY LLC
CA B20250310413
415 5TH ST.
EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
EUGENA-FELIS BERNABE,
MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Oct. 3, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
HANNAH KELMAN ZIVOLICH
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2501131
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **HANNAH KELMAN ZIVOLICH**
A. To Proposed name**: CHAYA KELMAN BALANO-ZIVOLICH**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: DEC. 12, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Sept. 15, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Sharron L. Baker (also known as Sharron L. Doyle, Sharron L. Swarts, Sharron L. Garrett, Sharron L. Gray, Sharron L. Labans)
Case Number: PB257067
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the estate of Sharron L. Baker:
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diane L. Swarts in the Superior Court of California, County of Del Norte. The Petition for Probate requests that Diane L. Swarts be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition will be heard on January 16, 2026, at 10AM, in Department 2, located at 450 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and serve a copy on the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (a) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, or (b) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Probate Code section 9052.
All other persons interested in the estate may appear in the hearing and object to the petition. You may appear in person or by an attorney at the hearing.
Other provisions of the California Probate Code may affect your rights. You may wish to consult with an attorney.
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES DORSEY BRATCHER
CASE NO.: PB257068
To all heirs, beneficiaries, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
JAMES DORSEY BRATCHER
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CARL E. MAPLE JR in the Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE.
The Petition for Probate requests that: CARL E. MAPLE JR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: DEC. 19, 2025
Time: 10 a.m.
Dept.: 2
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE, 450 H Street, Room 209, Crescent City, CA 95531.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
CARL E. MAPLE JR
2351 RAILROAD AVE
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531
11/19, 11/26, 12/3

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
ISLAND WAVE WASHINGTON
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2502375
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **ISLAND WAVE WASHINGTON**
A. To Proposed name**: ISLAND WAVE MITCHELL**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: DEC. 15, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Oct. 31, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
JACKSON DORRELL AND MIYANA DORRELL
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2502416
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **JACKSON FLOYD DORRELL JR.**
A. To Proposed name**: URIAH JACKSON RIVER DORRELL**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: DEC. 19, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Nov. 5, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOUGLAS R. PETERSEN
CASE NO.: PB257071
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
DOUGLAS R. PETERSEN
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: KEITH M. RYPKA in the Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE.
The Petition for Probate requests that: KEITH M. RYPKA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: DEC. 19, 2025
Time: 10 a.m.
Dept.: 2
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of DEL NORTE, 450 H Street, Room 209, Crescent City, CA 95531.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
CONRAD B. STEPHENS
518 E. MAIN STREET
SANTA MARIA, CA 93454
(805) 922-1951
11/19, 11/26, 12/3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DARYL DAN ARRANCE
CASE NO.: PR2500300
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
DARYL DAN ARRANCE
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ELVIN ARRANCE in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: ELVIN ARRANCE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: DEC.18, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
TIMOTHY J. WYKLE
MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH & WYKLE, LLP
100 M STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 442-3758
11/26, 12/3, 12/10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 10th day of December, 2025 at 10 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored and which is currently located at Arcata Bay Self Storage, 250 E Street Arcata, CA. Most storage units contain miscellaneous personal property, clothing, furnishings and household goods. In addition, the following units contain:
Dharmadas Chakravarti – Bike Parts, Grow Lights, Couch, Boxes
Christian Bourbeau – Chairs, Computer, Bed, TV, Rug
Hailey Stogner – Boxes, Bedding, Toys, Bong, Dresser
The Auctioneer will be Kerry Rasmussen, Bond #7900364465, phone #707-822-0331. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All purchased items sold "as is" and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the settlement between owner and obligated party, auctioneer, and Arcata Bay Self Storage.
11/26, 12/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00608

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PLANT SEEDS OF LOVE
1034 HARRIS ST.
EUREKA, CA 95503
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
NATALIE D. TREACY
1034 HARRIS ST.
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL,
NATALIE TREACY,
SOLE PROPRIETOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 18, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00606

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HYDAPIS-APIARY LLC
3020 FISHER RD #26
HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
P.O. BOX 26
HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HYDAPIS-APIARY LLC
CA B20250377151
3020 FISHER RD #26
HYDESVILLE, CA 95547
This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
BRUNO MUZZI,
MANAGER/OPERATOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 17, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SG/DEPUTY CLERK
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00598

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
REDWOOD COAST EXPERIENCES LLC
153 EAST 12TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
REDWOOD COAST EXPERIENCES LLC
CA B20250246949
153 EAST 12TH STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
PEARSE NARUM,
CEO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 12, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ARCATA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, to consider the adoption of the following ordinance:
Ordinance No. 1583, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2025 California Building Standards Code, the Uniform Housing Code, the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the Property Maintenance Code.*
Summary: The State of California adopts the California Building Standards Code every three (3) years. The proposed Ordinance would amend Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code to incorporate the 2025 California Building Standards Code and its companion codes, with amendments based on Arcata's local conditions in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 17958.7. The proposed Ordinance would also amend Title VIII of the Arcata Municipal Code to incorporate the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Housing Code, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the 2024 Property Maintenance Code.
At a regular meeting held on November 19, 2025, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1583, summarized above. The full text of Ordinance No. 1583, the 2025 California Building Standards Code and its companion codes, the 1997 edition of the Uniform Housing Code, the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, and the 2024 Property Maintenance Code are available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If adopted at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting on December 17, 2025, Ordinance No. 1583 will take effect January 16, 2026. The meeting agenda packet will be publicly available by 5:00 p.m., December 12, 2025, at https://www.cityofarcata.org and at 736 F Street, Arcata, during regular business hours.
Any person who challenges this action in court may be limited to raising only those issues that they or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Arcata at, or prior to, the public hearing.

HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

The public is invited to participate in the following manner: 1. **Attend the meeting in person**. The City Council Chamber is open to the public. 2. **View and participate via Zoom**. Meeting ID: 867 7362 7430 | One tap Mobile: *67 1-669-900-6833 | https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86773627430 3. **Participate in writing**. Submit written comment at the meeting; by mail to the City Council, City of Arcata, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521; email to citymgr@cityofarcata.org; or deliver comments to the City Manager's Office prior to Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to ensure the Council receives your comment before the meeting. Written comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting, but they will be forwarded to the City Council and included in the written record of the meeting. 4. **View only** (no participation). Access Humboldt Channel 10, online by visiting www.cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofArcataCA. Any questions or comments regarding this notice should be directed to the City Clerk at (707) 822-5953 or rvarley@cityofarcata.org.
Date Notice Published: November 19, 2025. /s/ Rhea Varley, City Clerk
11/26, 12/3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD SPENCER, JR., CASE NO. PB257072
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of John Edward Spencer, Jr.:
Notice is hereby given that Adam Spencer has filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Del Norte, for the probate of the will of John Edward Spencer, Jr., deceased, and for letters testamentary to issue to him as executor.
All creditors must submit their claims against the estate of John Edward Spencer, Jr. by 12/26/25, which is 30 days from the date of this publication.
For further information, please contact Adam Spencer at 10240 US Highway 199, Gasquet, CA 95543.
Dated: 11/26/2025
11/26, 12/3, 12/10

Request for Proposals:

The Salmon River Restoration Council (SRRC) is seeking proposals for the construction of fish and wildlife habitat on the Salmon River, a major tributary of the Klamath River. The project is located approximately 4.5 miles downstream of Sawyers Bar, CA, on the North Fork Salmon River. A mandatory onsite visit is set for Dec. 6, 2025. Proposals are due on February 27, 2026 by 4pm. Interested contractors should contact Karuna Greenberg, Restoration Program Director, at karuna@srrc.org, or 707-599-2899.
12/3

5th and D Theater's new season

5TH AND D STREET THEATRE

EUREKA – The 5th and D Street Theatre, Eureka's hometown theater, is proud to announce an exhilarating lineup for its third theatrical season, featuring another year of outstanding collaboration between Redwood Curtain Theatre and North Coast Repertory Theatre. The 2026 season promises powerful storytelling, sharp wit, and musical joy!

Kicking off the season, Redwood Curtain Theatre presents *The Half Life of Marie Curie* by Lauren Gunderson, running Jan. 29 to Feb. 15, directed by Julie Benson and Nannette Voss. This luminous play shines a light on the trailblazing scientist whose discoveries changed the world.

Next, North Coast Repertory Theatre takes the stage with Tom Stoppard's celebrated absurdist comedy *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, running March 27 to April 12, directed by Mel Rezendez. This clever, mind-bending classic turns Shakespeare's *Hamlet* inside out with humor and existential flair.

Following in the summer lineup, NCRT presents Molière's *The Imaginary Invalid*, a riotous satire of health, wealth, and human folly. A timeless comedy that will leave audiences laughing and thinking in equal measure.

As autumn approaches, Redwood Curtain Theatre returns with *The Minutes* by Tracy Letts, running Sept. 18 to Oct. 4, directed by Craig Benson. This darkly comic political satire peels back the veneer of small-town democracy to reveal what's really happening behind closed doors.

Closing out the year, North Coast Repertory Theatre brings warmth and romance to the holidays with the charming musical *She Loves Me* by Joe Masteroff, running Nov. 20 to Dec. 6, directed by Andrea Zvaleko. It's a heartwarming story of love, misunderstanding, and the joy of human connection — the perfect finale to an unforgettable season.

5th and D Street theater is a creative, exciting collaboration of NCRT and RCT, located at 300 Fifth St. in Eureka. If you'd like to be part of this supportive, artistic community by volunteering or auditioning, please go to *NCRT.net* and click the "Get Involved" tab.

❖ PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

'You will not be disappointed'

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY CAMPUS – The Department of Dance, Music and Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt presents Contemporary Music for Percussion performed by the Cal Poly Humboldt Percussion Ensemble on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall.

Concert tickets are $15 general, $5 children, and $5 for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at *tickets.humboldt.edu/dance-music-and-theatre*.

The Complex Rhythms of the West African Ewe Tradition will be performed by the World Percussion Group; and the Festive Steel Drum Sounds of the Caribbean will be performed by the Humboldt Calypso Band. The performances are directed by Howard Kaufman and Eugene Novotney.

Novotney is excited about the evening's program. "We work hard all semester long to bring our very best to the Fulkerson Hall stage. We absolutely love presenting our music to the Humboldt audience, and we guarantee you that if you can come out and join us, you will not be disappointed!" he said.

EXIT Theatre seeks 2026 Short Play Fest submissions

EXIT THEATRE

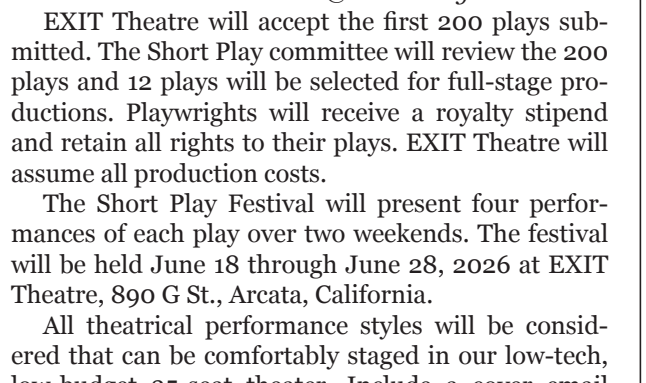
ARCATA –EXIT Theatre seeks plays for its 2026 Short Play Festival. Only one play will be accepted from each playwright. Plays should be no more than 15 minutes in length and submitted by email as a PDF or Word attachment to *mail@theexit.org*.

EXIT Theatre will accept the first 200 plays submitted. The Short Play committee will review the 200 plays and 12 plays will be selected for full-stage productions. Playwrights will receive a royalty stipend and retain all rights to their plays. EXIT Theatre will assume all production costs.

The Short Play Festival will present four performances of each play over two weekends. The festival will be held June 18 through June 28, 2026 at EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata, California.

All theatrical performance styles will be considered that can be comfortably staged in our low-tech, low-budget 35-seat theater. Include a cover email with contact information and staging ideas (i.e. set, props, music). Include whether you are able to provide actors and/or a director for your piece although this is not a requirement.

EXIT Theatre's Short Play Festival is an opportunity for writers locally, around the country and internationally and will showcase local actors, directors and technicians. EXIT Theatre is a 42-year-old company that operates a 35-seat theater in Arcata California.



New book probes NoHum music scene

SoHum author and professional drummer Michael Curran has released a new book, *Looking North*, about the Northern Humboldt music scene.

Looking North is the story of a mythical bouncer at a blues bar in San Francisco, who discovers the music, surf, and culture of Northern Humboldt in the 1990s.

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It is the second book in a series by Curran, a drummer, who has played in many bands from the 1970s to the present day.

The first book, *Blacky and The Bouncer*, is about the bouncers adventures in Southern Humboldt. The music, natural beauty, and local renegade community caste a spell on him circa 1982.

Curran has recorded with Maria Muldaur, Eric Bibb, Mousa Kanoute and many others. Curran has played gigs with John Handy, Mimi Fox, Larry Vuckovich, Ruby Braff, Jeff Goldbloom, Julian Lage, Randy Vincent, Randy Porter, Earl Thomas, Rod Deal, Scotty Moore, and Lydia Pence and many more.

Looking North is available at Northtown Books in Arcata and the Booklegger in Eureka.

GIANT JUNIPER Matt Ritter, left, and Michael Kauffmann visit the world's largest juniper in the Sierra Nevada, California.

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Local publisher wins award

Backcountry Press, a small but mighty natural-history publisher based in Humboldt County, is honored to announce that *California Trees: A Field Guide to the Native Species*, co-authored by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo botany professor Matt Ritter and Kneeland-based ecologist Michael Kauffmann, has been awarded the 2025 National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) in the Nature Guides category.

This national recognition shines a spotlight not only on the book's exceptional quality but also on the vibrant culture of ecological scholarship and stewardship that thrives on the North Coast.

Selected by NOBA for its clarity, scientific rigor, and exceptional design, *California Trees* offers a vivid, accessible guide to all 95 native tree species found across the state.

"This award reflects the heart of what we care about most," said co-author Michael Kauffmann from his home above the fog in Kneeland. "Connecting people to the forests that sustain us has always been central to the work we do here in Humboldt."

Ink People launches 'Stories of Wigi'

THE INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

EUREKA – Stories of Wigi uplifts all voices in the Humboldt Bay community, and centers the Wiyot Tribe's relationship with Wigi (Humboldt Bay in Soulatluk, the language of the Wiyot people).

By featuring this coastal landmark as a character, setting, or symbol, and amplifying marginalized voices, this community storytelling project will deepen and expand our knowledge of the breadth of experience at Wigi. The colonial perspective of the Victorian seaport, the violence endured by the Wiyot Tribe, and the resource economy that shaped our region over the past two centuries currently dominate the narrative landscape at the waterfront.

By featuring stories that may have been previously erased, overlooked, or never told, Stories of Wigi will highlight the resilience, joy and dreams that enrich our sense of place.

Though Stories of Wigi will center on the Wiyot perspective, anyone can contribute a story to this project, so long as their story directly relates to the past, present, or future of Wigi.

The story collection phase for this project will take place through February 2026, and storytellers included in the project will receive an honorarium for their time and labor.

By October 2026, a minimum of 50 stories will be memorialized in a public archive, a book, themed maps, interpretive signs along the waterfront, and a story listening station.

Together, we can uncover truths about our experiences that unite us as a community and prepare us for our future. These stories and the resources that flow from them will create a waterfront space that welcomes all and reflects the experience of our community as a whole. Those interested in sharing their story can get in touch with us at *storiesofwigi@inkpeople.org* or on Instagram *@storiesofwigi*.

Stories of Wigi is a project by the Ink People, in collaboration with the Wiyot Tribe and the Eureka Cultural Arts District. It is made possible by support from the California Coastal Conservancy Coastal Stories grant program, the City of Eureka, and the Eureka Cultural Arts District.

Jazz Combos at Cal Poly

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY CAMPUS – The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre presents the Fall 2025 Jazz Combos on Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall. Three combos will perform.

Tickets are $15 general, $5 for children, and free for Humboldt students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at *tickets.humboldt.edu/dance-music-and-theatre*.

"Modal Citizens" features Gabriel Avila, trumpet; Jazmine Busteed, guitar; Alex Hofer, bass; and Nick Howell, drums. They will perform *St. Thomas* by Sonny Rollins, *This Masquerade* by Leon Russell, *Wake Up Alone* by Amy Winehouse and Paul O'Duffy, and *You Brought a New Kind of Love To Me* by Sammy Fain & Irving Kahal.

"Syncopation Station" joins together Giovanny Martinez, piano; Alex Hofer, bass; and Conlan House, drums. They are performing *Willow Weep For Me* by Ann Ronell, *Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out* by Jimmie Cox, *Mojo Woman* by Mose Allison, *A Night in Tunisia* by Dizzy Gillespie, and *The Week Has Gone By Too Fast* by Conlan House.

The final combo, "Tight Space," consists of True Laboissonniere, alto and soprano saxes; Silas Bohen, piano; Tyler Endsley, bass; and Gavin Kingsley, drums. They are playing *Black Coffee* by Sonny Burke and Paul Francis Webster, *Tea for Two* by Vincent Youmans and Irving Caesar, *Interplay* by Bill Evans, *Joy Spring* by Clifford Brown, and *A Little Late* by Silas Bohen.

All three combos will feature vocalist Ava Williams on two of their pieces.

Auditions for Eureka Symphony chorus

EUREKA SYMPHONY

EUREKA – The Eureka Symphony will hold chorus auditions, to sing with the Eureka Symphony performing Brahms' *A German Requiem*. The Requiem for Humanity concert is May 29 and May 30, 2026, at the Arkley Center for Performing Arts. This requiem stands as one of classical music's most moving tributes to life, loss and the comfort we find in one another.

Auditions will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday Dec. 7, from 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and Jan. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Auditions will be conducted by Conductor and Artistic Director Carol Jacobson and David Powell.

Rehearsals begin on Jan. 26 and repeat every Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. through May, location TBA . Following that, there will be two rehearsals with the full symphony on Tuesday May 12 and 19, then dress rehearsals at the Arkley Center on Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 and 28.

Singers from all backgrounds are encouraged to audition but should be prepared to meet the specific requirements on the symphony's audition webpage, *eurekasymphony.org/eureka-symphony-chorus-auditions*. Singers will also need to be able to read music. Those who have previously sung in the Symphony chorus do not need to re-audition.

To learn more and to schedule an audition (required) please reach out to Vanessa Kibbe at *vkibbe@gmail.com*.

MAD RIVER TRANSIT SINGERS perform Sunday, Dec. 7 at Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music, and Theatre presents Mad River Transit Singers performing an eclectic program featuring a variety of musical styles—from jazz standards to modern tunes. The concert program takes off with Louis Prima's classic swing tune, "Sing, Sing, Sing." The group keeps it moving along with Joseph Kosma's popular standard "Autumn Leaves," Artie Shaw's evocative "Moonray" and Chick Corea's optimistic tune "Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly," is presented in a "spacy samba" style. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., show begins at 2 p.m. All ages. Tickets are $15 general, $5 under 12 and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students. (707) 826-3566, *tickets.humboldt.edu/calpolyhumboldt-presents*

COMING UP

• Modern Nature at Richard's Goat, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.

• The Maxwell Friedman Group at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m.

• The Claire Bent Jazz Quartet at the Basement, Thursday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m.

• Turtles Feast at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Dec. 12, 9 p.m.

• Barking Dogma at the Wild Hare Tavern, Friday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.

• Broken Compass Bluegrass at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Dec. 19, 9 p.m.

• Blue Good Band at the Wild Hare Tavern, Saturday, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m.

• Magnificent Sanctuary Group at Humboldt Brewery, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m.

• Dueling Pianos at Blue Lake Casino, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m.

• The Dirty Dozen Brass Band at Humboldt Brewery, Saturday, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m.

• The Mike Dillon Band at Humboldt Brewery, Sunday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m.

• Berner at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Thursday, Jan. 8, 8 p.m.